

LISTING OF CLAIMS**Claim 1 (currently amended)**

A painting tool comprising:

a flat pad having a paint absorbing portion comprising a first paint engaging side and a second side having an elongated coupling surface located thereon;

means mounted to the coupling surface having an upwardly projecting portion including a recessed socket therein

a solid handle portion having a ball at one end to engage the recessed socket, an elongated intermediate portion, and [a threaded gripping surface] an internally threaded surface at the other end; and,

mounting means securing the ball within the socket to permit rotation of the pad through 360 degrees and permitting the pad to be locked in position.

Claim 2 (cancel)**Claim 3 (currently amended)**

A painting tool in accordance with Claim [2] 11 wherein:

the means mounted to the coupling surface includes an elongated portion having two sides including sloped parallel edge portions, said edge portions slidably engaging the extending side channel portions of the pad coupling surface and further including

a tab on one of said edge portions engaging the cutaway [portion] section of one side portion to lock the pad to the mounting means.

Claim 4 (Previously Amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the ball at one end of the handle portion comprises a ball integrally mounted to the solid handle portion.

Claim 5 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the intermediate handle portion includes one end having a portion integrally molded to the ball, a curved portion attached thereto and an outer elongated gripping portion at the other end.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim [1] 5 wherein:

the mounting means comprises an internally threaded nut positioned about the curved handle portion and engaging the upwardly extending threaded portion [extending upwardly] with the recessed socket to secure the ball in the socket and a washer mounted between the nut and the threaded portion for locking purposes.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 5 wherein:

the outer elongated gripping portion includes a contoured rubber gripping member mounted over the handle and a threaded recess at the [second handle] end thereof.

Claim 8 (original)

A paint tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the means mounted to the coupling surface further includes a first raised portion and a second raised portion and guide wheels projecting outwardly from each of said raised portions.

Claim 9 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 4 wherein:

the ball includes a plurality of spaced parallel slots.

Claim 10 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the upwardly extending portion includes a threaded exterior, [and] the mounting means includes internal threads to mesh therewith and a lock washer mounted therebetween.

Claim 11 (new)

A painting tool comprising:

a flat pad having a paint absorbing portion comprising a first paint engaging side and a second side having an elongated coupling surface mounted thereto;

means mounted to the coupling surface having an upwardly projecting portion including a recessed socket therein

a solid handle portion having a ball at one end to engage the recessed socket, an elongated intermediate portion, and an internally threaded surface at the other end;

mounting means securing the ball within the socket to permit rotation of the pad through 360 degrees and permitting the pad to be locked in position; and,

the pad comprises an integral elongated body and wherein the coupling surface comprises a rigid substantially rectangular main body having parallel side portions, said side portions each having inwardly and upwardly extending portions forming a channel and one of said side portions having a cutaway section.